

**Specification**

Please replace the paragraph on page 11 at lines 17-22, with the following amended paragraph:

For example, the transaction 200[[-202]] is given the highest priority, placed first in the queue 275, and granted access to the NAS device 20 first (e.g., to the storage component 299 thereof), followed by transaction 202, which is followed by transaction 201. In addition, transactions currently being executed may be allowed to finish, or may be held and reprioritized based on the newly received transactions.